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just human	Yesterday, 07:04 AM

Post #1|
|Newbie

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
Religion: Kufr|Hello everyone

I am not a Muslim and I don't know whether non-Muslims are allowed to post here or not. If not please let me know and I will refrain from posting more messages.

If I am allowed I have a few questions. I'll start with the most basic.

I read part of the messages here and I see some of the Muslims desire martyrdom and love to die in the cause of their faith. My question is the following:

I know you are sure that after you die or in your words become martyrs you will go to paradise. But how can you be sure of that?

As probably many of you remember in 1979, 900 members of the cult of People's Temple , the followers of Rev. Jim Jones committed mass suicide.

The members of this cult, stirred by their leader Jim Jones, fed a poison-laced drink to their children, administered the potion to their infants, and drank it themselves. Their bodies were found lying together, arm in arm; over 900 perished.

They gave testimony to their faith with their lives. We can be certain that they were true believers. But was that the proof that their faith was true?

In 1995 Shoko Asahara, a Japanese self proclaimed messiah convinced his followers that by killing others they will be liberated from their bad Karma and hence any wise person can see that this benefits both the victim and the killer. His followers believed in what he told them to the extent that they went out on a killing spree releasing saran gas in Tokyo subways massacring dozens of innocent people and injuring hundreds. They were ready to die for their belief too. Is this strong faith proof of the truth of their belief?

Cases like this abound. If anyone is interested this is the site that talks about cults and their dangerous beliefs:

http://www.mayhem.net/Crime/cults1.html

My question is: what makes you so sure that Islam is not also a misguided belief like these cults?
Obviously the intense faith of the believers is no proof of the truth of any religion. You can doubt the faith of the followers of these cults. If you read the link I gave above, you'll see that the believers of these cults were so convinced that nothing, including their lives mattered to them. So clearly the very fact that you have faith in Islam is no proof that Islam is a true religion.

I want you to tell me what proof you have that Islam is indeed different and not another cult.

Proof must be objective, not subjective. Feelings are subjective. That is an invalid argument. The misguided followers of the above cults has strong feelings too.

Can anyone give me an objective proof that Islam is from God?

I should also say that I have visited a few anti Islamic sites and the argument they present against Islam seems very convincing. But of course it is not wise to make judgments before hearing both sides of the story. So although the proof presented against Islam is very strong, I have not made my mind yet because I need to hear the other side too before making any wise decision.

That is what brings me here. I have heard one side and now I want to hear the other side. Only then I can make an unbiased decision.|

muslimah_saifullah	Yesterday, 07:09 AM

Post #2|
|Member

Group: Members
Posts: 395
Joined: 28-August 04
Member No.: 154
Gender: Female
Religion: Islam

|i think u are allowed to post here as long as you say nothing bad about islam...

but as regards to your questions i will reply to you later....as i am running late.

ciao

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oh ye who believe!what is the matter with you, that when you are asked to go forth in the Cause of Allah, you cling heavily to the earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the hereafter. (10:38)

oh ummat of nabi muhammed(SAW) dont not despair over the words of the kuffar. victory will be for the ummat of nabi muhammed(SAW). make sure you have a share of its rewards

allahummansur almuhahideen fi kulli makaan

allahumaghfirli ummati muhammedur rasulullah(peace be upon him)|

Sara	Yesterday, 09:11 AM

Post #3|
|§äяä2k4

Group: Members
Posts: 5,546
Joined: 3-July 04
Member No.: 24
Gender: Female
Religion: Islam

|**QUOTE**

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Have you ever read the Quran?? (obviously the translation if you don't speak Arabic)

QUOTE

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The Quran.

This post has been edited by **Sara**: Yesterday, 09:11 AM

Ya Allah, grant my mummy and daddy shifa! Ameen!

Ya Allah, no one can give shifa but You ..

Ya sami3 ad-du3a!

http://firdaus.org/forums/index.php?showto...view=getnewpost

http://firdaus.org/forums/index.php?showto...575&#entry55575

"When one fears poverty, one should trade with Allah. Pay zakah and give sadaqah" Abdurrahman ibnul Jawzee|

amani	Yesterday, 09:15 AM

Post #4|
|Ramadan special B)

Group: Members
Posts: 2,581
Joined: 4-July 04
From: planet mars
Member No.: 37
Gender: Female
Religion: Islam

|**QUOTE**

I know you are sure that after you die or in your words become martyrs you will go to paradise. But how can you be sure of that?

in the same way you may be sure that tomorrow issaturday and not sunday we are sure that islam is the true religion...u cant find even one mistake if u looked.... so from this belief we have been told of the status and promise of a matyr in heavan..this we hope and wish for everyday..if eyes were open and you saw what this status and reward is..you too would strongly desire to be a martyr in the path of ALLAH the Most High....comiting

suicide by drinking poison is a totally different thing..suicide in such a manner isnt allowed

QUOTE

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i kind of answered your question.. islam really the true islam..you need to study islam..doing so you will find no problems with it.. islam isnt a cult or something..it is submission to one God..ALLAH the God of moses, abraham, jesus, u name it..they all prayed to the same ALLAH! Muhammed SAW was the last prophet and he brought to us a humans a complete PERFECT WAY OF LIFE... now leading this life the way he showed us..gives us peace of mind..no problems. no dilemas..because he showed us the right way of doing everything.
now you may think..if this is the case then what are all those `fundamentalists` and `terrorists` doing out in the world today? well the answer is they are niether fundamentalists nor terrorists..we love our muslim brothers and what is written in the news isnt anywhere near the truth.

:) :) :)|

AbuYusuf	Yesterday, 10:23 AM

Post #5|
|jf extraordinaire

Group: Global Moderator
Posts: 1,099
Joined: 9-July 04
Member No.: 51
Gender: Male
Religion: Islam

|Im closing this topic untill Abu or Umm Ali reviews it since I havent got time to read it.

Irhaab Media

“Prepare as much as you can from power (missile weaponry) and steeds of war, in order to terrify the enemy of Allah” [EMQ Anfal: 60]|

Umm Ali	Yesterday, 02:38 PM

Post #6|
|~niqabi~

Group: Admin
Posts: 3,005
Joined: 3-July 04
From: leicester, UK.... originally

durban, south africa
Member No.: 1
Gender: Female
Religion: Islam

|hello and welcome.

before i answer any of your questions id firstly like to know wat makes u think that islam is a "cult" ? do u address the other abrahamic faiths as "cults" ?

i also dont have much time right now, but im re-opening this thread again [جزاكم الله كل خير Abu Yusuf] u are allowed to ask us questions about islam.

God willing, i shall be online 2mro afternoon.

“And whosoever does not judge by what Allaah has revealed, such are the Kaafiroon” [al-Maa'idah 5:44]|

muslimah_saifullah	Yesterday, 02:46 PM

Post #7|
|Member

Group: Members
Posts: 395
Joined: 28-August 04
Member No.: 154
Gender: Female
Religion: Islam

|ok am back...woulda replied earlier but was closed for abit.
anyway you said?:

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I know you are sure that after you die or in your words become martyrs you will go to paradise. But how can you be sure of that?

The concept of martyrdom in Islam can only be understood in the light of the Islamic concept of Holy Struggle (jihad) and the concept of jihad may only be appreciated if the concept of the doctrine of enjoining right and discovering wrong (al-amr bi'l-maruf) is properly appreciated, and good and bad, right and wrong, can only be understood if the independent divine source of righteousness, truth, and goodness (tawhid), and how the Message of the divine source of righteousness and truth has been honestly and properly conveyed to humanity through prophethood, are understood. Finally the divine message may not be fully appreciated unless the embodiment of this divine message, or the Model of Guidance, and the Supreme Paradigm (imama or uswa) is properly recognized.

before you even have this belief of dying as martyr and go to heaven, you must first understand the basics of islam.
the total submission to allah. the belief there is no god except for allah and muhammed peace be upon was his messenger.
what is purpose of life: total submission to allah. so you always strive in the way of allah. you try your best to resist the temptations of shaytan.
so since we believe in the allah completly we believe in his books, his messengers. the quran states their will be heaven and hell. if we live according to islam: we go heaven and vice versa.
if we fight in way of allah: the reward will be heaven as it is for allah we are fighting for.
i believe in islam body and mind. i belive in quran. quran it says martyrs will go heaven. and so they will.

QUOTE

My question is: what makes you so sure that Islam is not also a misguided belief like these cults?

if you compare quran with any other books of other religions you will see islam is only religion not altered in any way.
if you look at the bible you will see that latin was not the original language the Bible was originally written in Aramaic language*.. and that is the whole point.. because it was translated to so many other languages over and over again.
now you see that is the problem, you cannot translate a language to another without altering its meanings.
as reagrds to the quran: it was revealed in arabic and even till today it has not been altered in the slighest. there is also proof of this. there is quran that was written during that time which still exists today, and if you compare it to the quran today, it is exactly the same.
so since our guidance is from either the quran or the sunnah, we follow it. and since the quran is perfect then islam is not a misguided concept.

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the quran. if you read it, you will find that there is no scientific inaccuracies in it. some of the things written it quran that were revealed about 1400 yrs ago have only been recently discovered.
for example if you look at the following verse from the quran:
"those who reject our(allahs) signs we shall cast in the fire: as often as thier skins are roasted through, we shall change them for fresh skins, that they may taste the penalty; for allah is exalted in power and might(sura 4, al*nisa 4:56)*
this was a refernce to the dermatological phenomenon which modern science has only recently discovered, namely that the skin contains all the nerve endings and that if a burn is very deep and the skin is completey burned, then it loses its sense of pain and the person afflicted does not actually feel it. allah is aware of this fact and accordingly makes sure that the unbel;ievers consigned hell feel the pain constantly by replacing the skin time and time again so the nerve ending is renewed.
now this is impossible that this could have come from any human source, considering the fact the quaran is 1400 yrs old text. this sort of knowledge was simply not known at the time. from whom do this come from.....allah.

lets look at another example of science recnty discovered that was revealed in quran 1400 yrs ago.
"it is allah that takes the souls(of men) at death; those that die not (he takes) during their sleep: those on whome he has passed the decree of death; he keeps back(from returning to life): but the rest he sends (to their bodies) for a term appointed. verily in this are signs for those who reflect." (sura 39 al-zummar :verse 42)
it has been scientifically been proven that sleep and death are one single process as stated in the above verse of the quran.

experiments show that something goes out of the human body when a man or woman is asleep and returns later which make them awake. but with death that something soes not return. and that is exactly what the quran says.
this was proven by dr alison and dr al- mushrefi.

and so islam is by god....and is why i am ever so grateful to allah for making me a muslim. ALLAH HU AKBAR.(ALLAH IS GREAT)

I Hope i have answered your question.

May allah guide you.

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oh ye who believe!what is the matter with you, that when you are asked to go forth in the Cause of Allah, you cling heavily to the earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the hereafter. (10:38)

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allahumaghfirli ummati muhammedur rasulullah(peace be upon him)|

Malik	*Yesterday, 03:03 PM*

Post #8|
|Incredibly Advanced Member

Group: Members
Posts: 1,087
Joined: 14-August 04
Member No.: 122
Gender: Male
Religion: Islam

|I am not going to try to provide proof or answer your questions as the other board members are doing that now.

But, I want to say something. I suggest, before you make a drastic and serious decision on Islam, you do one thing. Either buy a book or listen to audio tapes on something called "The Minor and Major Signs of the Day of Judgement".

There is no denying these signs. Many of them have clearly occured, some are occuring now, and some will occur in the future. This is proof of Islam.

I expect you will probably not make much effort into your decision and will probably not read a book or listen to audiotapes on this, but I am posting this incase you do actually decide to. If you want any more information on where to purchase them from, ask me and I would be glad to help you.

"A group of my followers will remain prevailing by the truth unaffected by those who let them down until the Last Hour while they will still be the same" *-Bukhari 3640-1|*

just human	*Yesterday, 08:00 PM*

Post #9|
|Newbie

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
*Religion: Kufr|**QUOTE***

Have you ever read the Quran?? (obviously the translation if you don't speak Arabic)

Hi,

Yes I read the Quran to make sure what the anti Islamic sites say about Islam is not a fabrication. I fail to see anything miraculous in that book. In fact there are many statements that seem bizarre and incorrect. For example splitting the moon, sun setting in murky waters, Jews becoming apes, lizards and swine, Miraj, jinn and many more statements are unscientific.

So if you think just by reading the Quran one will immediately discover that it is a miracle, no I did not get that feeling after reading that book. Quite the contrary I ended up having more questions about Islam after reading the Quran.

I did not read the Quran in Arabic, but whenever I felt something is not quite right I read several translations of that verse to make sure it is not the error of the translator. And yes all the translators said the same thing in different words. So I doubt that the Arabic Quran

says anything different.

Is it possible that there is an entirely different meaning to these verses that I missed? It could be. So here I am willing to listen to your explanation. I want to hear how Muslims defend these charges against their faith and whether everyone is lying or Muslims are denying the truth. I hope your answers will clarify this issue.

Amani wrote:

QUOTE

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So what you say is that you are willing to become a martyr and are absolutely sure that you'll be rewarded because the Quran is without error.

Well as I stated above I did not see the Quran this way or I would have converted to Islam after reading that book. I found many errors. Some of them I mentioned above but there are many more.

Now, is it possible that I misunderstood the Quran? Yes it is possible. We will know the truth after you clarify your position.

QUOTE

now you may think..if this is the case then what are all those `fundamentalists` and `terrorists` doing out in the world today? well the answer is they are niether fundamentalists nor terrorists..we love our muslim brothers and what is written in the news isnt anywhere near the truth.

Okay, I have no problem you loving someone that I do not love. However you say that

these terrorists are not terrorists and that the media is not telling the truth. Can you explain that? Do you mean these terrorists did not massacre hundreds of children in Beslan? Was that all fake news? How about the bombing in Madrid, Bali, NYC? Are they all lies? Didn't these things happen?

Forget about this now! Let us talk about the Quran. If the Quran is proven to be from God then all these killings are justifiable since these terrorists are doing what the Quran is requiring from them to do. So let us concentrate on the Quran and find out whether it is from God. That should be the focus of our discussion. The rest is secondary and as I said will automatically fall into place if the Quran is proven to be from God.|

just human	*Yesterday, 08:01 PM*

Post #10|
|Newbie

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
Religion: Kufr|Dear Um Ali

Thanks for your welcome.

You wrote:

QUOTE

before i answer any of your questions id firstly like to know wat makes u think that islam is a "cult" ? do u address the other abrahamic faiths as "cults" ?

I think I did not explain myself clearly. I said I am reserving any judgment until I have all the facts and I have heard your responses.

Let me explain this with an example.

Suppose you are a judge or a policeman. Someone accuse me of being a thief. You summon me and tell me you are accused of theft; is that true? What should be my response to you? I can't say, hey why you accuse me of being a thief. You are not passing a judgment. At this point you are simply investigating. You heard one side of the story and now you want to hear my side too. If I am not guilty, I can answer to all your questions and clear my name. You will not of course believe me if I tell you no I am not guilty. You will probe farther. For example you'll ask where I was on the time that the

crime took place, what I was doing, who saw me, etc. etc. You cross examine me to make sure I am telling the truth. What would you conclude if I get angry and do not answer your questions? Doesn't this give you a clue that I am guilty?

I said already, I am trying to be as fair to myself as I can. I consider it to be foolish to come to a conclusion without hearing both sides of the story. So far I read only the side of the non-Muslims. I read also many articles written by ex-Muslims and they are very convincing. I read the Quran and I see it contains many errors. But it would be foolish to come to a conclusion without even listening to Muslims. Just as it would be foolish for a judge to convict an accused of a crime without even giving him a chance to defend himself it would be foolish for me to discard Islam and call it a cult before I listen to the Muslims.

So I am going to ask questions that are accusatory, in other words I probe you to get to the bottom of the problem but that does not mean I already accuse Islam of being a cult. I'll reserve that judgment after I listen carefully to the defendants of Islam.|

just human	*Yesterday, 08:15 PM*

Post #11|
|*Newbie*

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
Religion: Kufr|***QUOTE***

before you even have this belief of dying as martyr and go to heaven, you must first understand the basics of islam.

Hi Muslimah

I agree. I already said; let us not talk about martyrdom or other teachings of Islam. Let us first understand the basics of Islam. That is why I asked the basic question. The question is how you can prove to me that the Quran is from God.

If the Quran is proven to the word of God then of course whatever the Quran says it true and the terrorists are not terrorists but they are martyrs and they will be rewarded handsomely as the Quran states. But if the Quran cannot be proven to be the word of God then the terrorists are terrorists and will not go to heaven but they will go to hell for murdering innocent people. I think that is fair. So let us talk about the Quran first.

As the proof that Quran is the word of God you wrot:

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Apart from the fact that this is a controversial point and there are those who claim the present Quran is altered and contains many verses from the pre Islamic prayers, stories and concepts, I do not want to get into that controversy and for the sake of the argument accept your claim that the Quran is not altered.

But that is not a proof of the divine origin of a book. There are other books that date back to many centuries before Islam that are not altered too. Many Hindu and Buddhist scriptures are in poetries. You can't change poetries easily. The code of Hamurabi is 4000 years old. We have copies of this book that date back to thousands of years ago. The book Kalila and damna is also an ancient book that has not changed. But it is a book of fables. So the claim that the Quran is not changed per se is no proof that it is from God. The only way it can be shown to be from God is that it does not contain errors and contradictions. Even one error would disqualify it. God can't make mistakes.

QUOTE

now you see that is the problem, you cannot translate a language to another without altering its meanings.

I disagree with that statement. Books are translated from all languages to all languages. It is not logical to think Arabic is the only language that cannot be translated properly. There are more than a dozen of the translations of the Quran. The gist of all of them is the same.

Furthermore, if this claim were true, I ask why God would choose Arabic to communicate with us humans. Why not choose a language that does not present this translation handicap?

Also the Quran in several places asserts to be a clear book and an easy book to understand. Hence claiming that this book cannot be translated properly and no one can understand it, enough to put it right English language belies the very claim of the Quran that it is an easy and clear book.

QUOTE

the quran. if you read it, you will find that there is no scientific inaccuracies in it. some of the things written it quran that were revealed about 1400 yrs ago have only been recently discovered.

Okay. Since the entire belief system is based on the claim that the Quran is perfect, let us talk about this point only. Please provide me one statement of the Quran that proves its author had scientific knowledge that was not available to the people of his time that only now we discover to be true. I know there are several claims but for the sake of brevity let us talk about them one by one.|

just human	*Yesterday, 08:35 PM*

Post #12|
|Newbie

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
Religion: Kufr|Muslimah wrote:

QUOTE

for example if you look at the following verse from the quran:
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now this is impossible that this could have come from any human source, considering the fact the quaran is 1400 yrs old text. this sort of knowledge was simply not known at the time. from whom do this come from.....allah.

Only a believer can see miracles in that verse. As a non-believer frankly I see none. When I was a child I used to play fencing with sticks with other kids. We pretended that if the stick hits the arm of the opponent it means the arm is cut off and he could not use it again. When both arms were cut off the game was over. But we wanted to play more so we pretended to restore the arm. Now this does not mean that at that tender age we knew anything about limb transplant. Limb transplant recently is being tried. Several decades ago we had no idea of such thing being possible. Does this show we were inspired by God?

In this verse there is no reference to nerve ending, or any dermatological facts. Muhammad is simply stating that Allah will punish you over and over.

Now apart from the fact that there is nothing extraordinary in that verse, what bothers me most is the nature of the Islamic god. What kind of god is Allah that would punish infinitely in such horrendous way humans for minor sins?

Suppose you have a child and you give him everything he needs so he lives it comfort. The only thing you require from him is that he says hello to you when he sees you and respect you. That is not much to ask after all you did for him. But this child of yours is ungrateful. He denies all the favors you did to him and does not respect you at all. What is the appropriate punishment of such ungrateful child? [This is not the case with us humans because most of humans come to this world and live a life of pain and suffering until we die. So I see no reason to be grateful to a god who gives nothing but suffering]

Of course you would be offended. But would you burn him? Would you torture him? Now think about it. You know how much it hurts if you burn a finger for one second. This god you are talking about burns your entire body not for a second, a minute or a year, but for eternity. He makes your skin to re-grow just to burn you again. If a parent does such thing to his ungrateful child what would you think of him? Wouldn't you immediately conclude that he is a sadist? Is the god of Muslims a sadist?

I know this is a tough question. But it is just a question. It is up to you to answer and clarify this point. Explain to me how can the maker of this world do such thing that only as psychopath and a sadist would do? And you want me to respect and love this god? Can you really force love with threats of punishment?

Imagine you have a husband who says if you don't love me I will burn you slowly so you die a painful death. Would you still love that man? Can you really love him?

Love cannot be forced. Doesn't Allah know that? The way you describe your god to me it seems that he is a psychopath. He is not deserving of being loved.

So there are three alternatives:

A- Quran is mistaken.
B- Quran is right and God is a sadist
C- You (Muslimah) do not understand this verse and there should be another

explanation.

Which one is the right answer dear Muslimah?

*This post has been edited by **just human**: Yesterday, 09:33 PM|*

just human	*Yesterday, 09:07 PM*

Post #13|
|Newbie

Group: Members
Posts: 9
Joined: Yesterday, 06:11 AM
Member No.: 258
Gender: Male
*Religion: Kufr|**QUOTE***

lets look at another example of science recnty discovered that was revealed in quran 1400 yrs ago.
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it has been scientifically been proven that sleep and death are one single process as stated in the above verse of the quran.
experiments show that something goes out of the human body when a man or woman is asleep and returns later which make them awake. but with death that something soes not return. and that is exactly what the quran says.
this was proven by dr alison and dr al- mushrefi.

and so islam is by god....and is why i am ever so grateful to allah for making me a muslim. ALLAH HU AKBAR.(ALLAH IS GREAT)

I Hope i have answered your question.

May allah guide you.

First of all death and sleep are completely different phenomena. The misconception that death is a kind of sleep is an old misconception.

The Seventh Day Adventists and other Christian groups also believe that death is a peaceful sleep for the soul. The following link shows Muslims are not the only people that are confused on this issue. http://www.wordonly.com/CI06.html

Now this proves two things. One is that the idea that sleep and death are similar predates Muhammad and hence if it is true it can't be attributed to him and second is that such notion is utterly wrong. There is no real scientific proof showing something going out of the body when you sleep. All animals and even the bacteria sleep. Sleep is a biological phenomenon for recovery and has nothing to do with death.

Let us continue on this trait. So far we discussed only two claims that would prove that the Quran is the word of God and both these claims are unsubstantiated. Let us see more.

This does not prove that the Quran is not the word of God. It just shows that these claims are false. But the Quran could be true and there might be other good and convincing arguments that would prove such claim. I would like to hear that.

*This post has been edited by **just human**: Yesterday, 09:17 PM|*

Malik	*Today, 12:21 AM*

Post #14|
|Incredibly Advanced Member

Group: Members
Posts: 1,087
Joined: 14-August 04
Member No.: 122
Gender: Male
Religion: Islam

|I want to tell you 2 things Just Human.

1. There is an open challenge by your creator in the Quran. It has been open for 1400 years. Allah says if reject the Quran and that it is created by Allah then try to create one Ayah of its like.

*An ayah is similar to a sentence in the Quran. Arab poets have been trying to do this for 1400 years with no avail. If you say Mohammad ﷺ created the Quran, then how did he do this as an **illiterate**?*

2. The Quran explains, in detail, how birth occurs in the mother womb. This was never explained prior to the Quran coming down. Relatively recently, people have learnt it in detail. If one of the brothers or sister here would post the ayaat about this that would be good (I no longer have them with me). Nonetheless, I am sure you know I would not

make up lies about the Quran.

These are 2 "proofs" of the Quran. Now, they would be proof if you chose to believe in them. If you do not, then you will make up every possible way of denying them, as your people normally do. I understand arguments, but sometimes they are just excuses.

Try, if you can, to look at Islam with an open mind. If you look at it with a closed one, you will deny everything completely and will be wasting your and our time. If you look at it with an open mind, you may consider and reflect on it. In the end, you coming to a forum to discuss this shows your lack of serious interest. If you really intended on learning about Islam, you would have went out an purchased books about it. But, instead, you went to the internet.

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***"A group of my followers will remain prevailing by the truth unaffected by those who let them down until the Last Hour while they will still be the same"** -Bukhari 3640-1|*

saajid	*Today, 01:54 AM*

Post #15|
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|QUOTE

Ok, ill just add some things to this

Hello everyone

I am not a Muslim and I don't know whether non-Muslims are allowed to post here or not. If not please let me know and I will refrain from posting more messages.

If I am allowed I have a few questions. I'll start with the most basic.

I read part of the messages here and I see some of the Muslims desire martyrdom and love to die in the cause of their faith. My question is the following:

I know you are sure that after you die or in your words become martyrs you will go to paradise. But how can you be sure of that?

inherently, if my belier system dictates that dyign for its cause will take me to paradise, I will be inherently intolerant of other views ie that I wil believe it as truth, because it is since I am a Muslim.

It is like me asking you "how are you sure you will not burn forever in the hellfire ifyou do not becoem Muslim?" AAnd then you may respond with however many theories or doubts to backup your man made ideology. Its like going to a Christian forum and asking "hey, who of you is _sure Christ was the savior?" Except with the christians the issue is clear, becasue this assumption can be refuted by the Bible itself.

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As probably many of you remember in 1979, 900 members of the cult of People's Temple, the followers of Rev. Jim Jones committed mass suicide.

The members of this cult, stirred by their leader Jim Jones, fed a poison-laced drink to their children, administered the potion to their infants, and drank it themselves. Their bodies were found lying together, arm in arm; over 900 perished.

They gave testimony to their faith with their lives. We can be certain that they were true believers. But was that the proof that their faith was true?

In 1995 Shoko Asahara, a Japanese self proclaimed messiah convinced his followers that by killing others they will be liberated from their bad Karma and hence any wise person can see that this benefits both the victim and the killer. His followers believed in what he told them to the extent that they went out on a killing spree releasing saran gas in Tokyo subways massacring dozens of innocent people and injuring hundreds. They were ready to die for their belief too. Is this strong faith proof of the truth of their belief?

Cases like this abound. If anyone is interested this is the site that talks about cults and their dangerous beliefs:
http://www.mayhem.net/Crime/cults1.html

Well well, this is very interestign how you say that Islam is a cult, and liken it to a cult, when there are peopel who die for it.

First of all, no one commits suicide soleley for the sake of committing suicide in Islam, and if this was your intention then you go to hell. No, the intention was to kill as much of the enemy as possible, and an easy way to do this would be to diguise yourself as a normal person in every day clothes.

So now you say, "why do you die for Islam?" I die for Islam because I believe, 100%, that it is the truth for all of mankind. For you to have the audacity to tell me "well, why are you dying for it? its automatically like a cult", is interesting, because if I said to you "I will join the American army to die for my country", this is a completely healthy thing, and patriotism and nationalism for something as arbatriary as *where you happen to have been born[/i[is considered perfectly acceptable in this society, and people who die in war are recognized as heroes in their native countries. Likewise if I look to the Columbine shootings in Littleton Colorado, there was one girl who was brought to fame for sayign she was Christian to accept death, thus seekign her martyrdom for Christianity. Not only this, we see people willing to wage war in order to uphold political ideologies which have had negative effects the war world, such as capitalism, communism, socialism, democracy, etc.*

So when I go out and say to you "I am going to defend my land, and God tells me to defend my land" I am looked upon as being unhealthy to you, or someone in a cult? its quite funny, because teh Iraqis who are dyign in Iraq now, of those who are fighting to defend their houses and cities, and for the palestinians doing the same, or of the Afghan, Chechen, etc., this is unacceptable. Its kidn of funny because in order to die for something in the west, it needs to be a secular ideal for it to be healthy. So when a woman is dying for women's rights and steps in front of a horse in front of the british Royal family and is killed, or Martin Luther King is shot, or the Buddhists of Vietnam lit themselves on fire before accepting subjugation, this is seen as being copletely fine and rational, even though the intention of the Muslim is much more pure and much mrore sound- that is self determination and self defense, when we have been on the recieving end of brutality and terrorism and have had our land and resources stolen more than any other group of people on this planet the last 100 yeas. it just isnt palatable to you because the mainstream of your society reject what we stand for, but then again this is wartime andthe western media wouldnt like to spin around as ask what a westerner would do if their head was on the chopping block.

Do you understand where I am coming from?

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My question is: what makes you so sure that Islam is not also a misguided belief like these cults?
Obviously the intense faith of the believers is no proof of the truth of any religion. You can doubt the faith of the followers of these cults. If you read the link I gave above, you'll see that the believers of these cults were so convinced that nothing, including their lives mattered to them. So clearly the very fact that you have faith in Islam is no proof that Islam is a true religion.

Faith is never a complete proof of anything, actual proofs are a proof of everything. tehre is a reason why I dont believe in cultural relativism, Christianity, secular humanism, Judaism, etc., and obiously your faith in your ideology has absolutely no bearing on whetehr or not it is true, but this is why we have these forums is so we can discuss things like this. Youre taking martyrdom in a wrogn context. No one is asking that we poison ourselves, and just up and coak. No. I am saying, I would love to fight and if need be die in order to defend my Muslim brothers and sisters fightign against persecution around the world and being subjected to the worst crimes against humanity and treatment of any people on this earth. I would say that also, after seeing the destruction that the western systems such as capitalism, communism, socialism, and the farce of democracy, I declare myself a direct enemy to those systems, because you see day to day the havoc these bring, and you need look no further than many of the countries some of the members of this forum are from in order to do so.

there is nothing wrong with this, except now the biggest enemy to the US is the growing urge of the Muslims for Islamic revival, and now that communism is gone a new scapegoat and enemy must be rooted out and found, and factors such as peak oil definitely play into this, and the west if finally seeing the end result of the dictators they set up in these countries, dictators they help support and still support today. notice how I said still support, because a dictatorship like the one in Iran is unacceptable compared to that of Uzbekistan, even though Islam Karimov committed many more crimes against humanity, and Muslim prisoners are injected with ids and boiled alive many times, but I dont need to go into Islam Karimov's record, because I am sure you are well aware of it (or should I say, should be aware of it). So if I am willing to fight and die to stop this from happening, you are saying that I am a cult member when the US troops recieve so much news and airtime when they willingly, [i]willingly fight, even though now most are well aware of the true intentions of their home country?

Now objectively, because im sure you love the term and live by it in your day to day life (right?) do you consider the defender or aggressor (with all that the aggressor is bringing) to be the one who is more in need of help, and your *obviously* extremely enlightening opinions?

....sure youre at the right forum?

QUOTE

I want you to tell me what proof you have that Islam is indeed different and not another cult.

By your definition, anything someone is willing to die for is a cult. i know for a fact, sir or madam, that if you live in the united states you signed up for the draft, and thus you said you are willing to fight, to the death, if your country calls on you, at teh behest of the executive branch of the united states as well as congress, all human figures who can have their own agendas, and yet you willingly signed up for this as a condition to live in

this country, willingly signing over not only your will but your freedom if you decide not to go through with it at the very end.

QUOTE

Proof must be objective, not subjective. Feelings are subjective. That is an invalid argument. The misguided followers of the above cults has strong feelings too.

Faith does not equal proof, yes of course, just how this extremely objective argument you just gave me does not in any way, shape, or form prove a thing about what you have said.

I suggest you visit http://www.harunyahya.com and look through the various sections of that website for proof on the "secular" and objective levels, and look at teh various sections of that website. Judging from how you said Muslims are cult members, im going to guess you are a Christian who frequents anti-Islamic sites in order to boost your faith in Christianity, and now you want to guide "those Muzzlems" to the sraight path. Am I very far off? You can go to http://www.answering-christianity.com if I was indeed correct in my assumptions.

In the future, I suggest also you dont visit anti Islamic sites *before* looking at the arguments of Muslims, but still saying "well, their opinions seem very convincing". No, this falls flat, completely flat, just as the arguments you made earlier do in the face of the realities of the world today, just as you claim to be objective but tried you hardest in order to subjectively put Islam as a cult because it explains and outlines martyrdom and fighting in the way of God, so in actuality you came to this forum in animosity, however big of a smile you showed us to our faces. I suggest you just be honest and open about your feelings from now on, saves everyone the hassle of gauging where you are coming from.

{"And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much."} [Ash-Shooraa, 30]

Ya kaffireen, Allahu mawlana wa lah mawla lakum.

So the westerners hate their governments and distances themselves from the government whenever it does something wrong, and says theyre free from all blame even though they voted for the people power who have already outlined what their foreign policies will be in their platforms in the first place. keep in mind, the banner of the west is "our governments represent us". So, even with this, they attempt to say to other

"hey, accept democracy" when they cant even accept it themselves, and openly show that mankind can not handle the responsibility of its own self rule.

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|**QUOTE**

Let us continue on this trait. So far we discussed only two claims that would prove that the Quran is the word of God and both these claims are unsubstantiated. Let us see more.

Actually no, what we have is you who is rejecting the position of other people based on arguments suited around "if I cant see it, it is not real", so there is no lack of substantiation and the argument used was perfectly suited, likewise if we are differign on the nature of death, the existance of the human soul, etc, you can no thonestly say to both sides "be objective", because the mantle of faith, your faith and my faith (in these subjects is what I am talking about, those brought up) can not be disproved in such ways, otherwise atheism would be reigning supreme by now.

So, I just suggest you use other methods if you wish to incite a *debate*, and I woudl prefer it if you stopped hiding behind the banner of "objectivity", because if you were truly being objective you would not be trying to dismantle whatever small knoweldge of the Muslim belief you have, you would be inquiring and asking questions rather than blatant instigation, and quite frankly it just gets on my nerves. i think everyone here can plainly see your true intention on coming here, so if you could drop the act while we are discussing this, perhaps also replace such a non existant concept of "objectivity" with *open mindedness* instead. This is infinitely more productive. Also if you could narrow the subject down from "is the Quran the word of God" into something less broad and more specific so no one goes off track and on tangents, and you should understand this position.

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just human	Today, 03:10 AM

Post #17|
|Newbie

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There is an open challenge by your creator in the Quran. It has been open for 1400 years. Allah says if reject the Quran and that it is created by Allah then try to create one Ayah of its like.

This challenge is ambiguous. In what sense one has to produce a verse or a Surah similar to the Quran? Aesthetics can never be a measure of truth. You can challenge me

to find a woman as beautiful as the one you love. How can I convince you that there are other women just as beautiful as the woman you love? They say love is blind. When you are in love you can't see the flaws of your beloved. Your opinion of her is not objective but very subjective.

You read the Quran as a believer and remain in awe. You can't see any errors in it because you are in love with it. I read the same book and find many errors and in fact a boring book. Now you can say the translation is boring but the original Arabic is very nice. Okay I can't argue with that. But the fact remains that as a non-Arab speaking person I am not convinced of the beauty of this book. It is not my fault of being born a non-Arab and hence being deprived of seeing the beauty of the Quran as you see it. So in a sense God has been extremely unfair to me and to billions of others who were not born Arabs. We can't see the beauty of the Quran because we do not speak Arabic and hence go to hell. Is this justice? To add insult to the injury God chooses a language that is impossible to translate in any language and therefore we can't even see the beauty of his work in translation. Is this my fault for being born a non Arab? Certainly not! God made me a non-Arab and thus deprived me of seeing the beauty of his word and now he wants to burn me for eternity for failing to see what he deprived me of seeing. What kind of justice is that? It is like I tell you something in a language that you do not understand and then punish you for not understanding what I told you. This is just absurd.

The next problem with that challenge is that it does not seem to be a sincere challenge. Look what the Quran says right after it issues that challenge:
But if ye cannot - and of a surety ye cannot - then fear the Fire whose fuel is men and stones,- which is prepared for those who reject Faith. Qur'an 2.24

This is like someone saying show me a woman as pretty as my wife and if you cannot – and of a surety you cannot –then I will shoot you.

With that kind of clause who dares even to come forth?

We recall Saddam Hussein had "elections" where 99.98% of the population voted for him. Did all the Iraqis love him? Of course not! The elections were held open. The question was: Do you want Saddam? Yes or No? If you responded no then you could be killed. This Challenge of the Quran is very much similar to Saddam's elections.

However, there are some Arab-speaking non Muslims who say the Quran fails in grammar and aesthetic and they have produced a few Suras to meet this challenge which is in comparison better than the Suras of the Quran (not my opinion, but the opinion of Arab ex-Muslims). Please take a look and tell me why you think the Suras of the Quran are superior to these. http://suralikeit.com/

QUOTE

2. The Quran explains, in detail, how birth occurs in the mother womb.

Well, I am going to post here an article written by an Arab ex-Muslims who thinks that when it comes to embryology, Quran is wrong. He is a Medical Doctor graduated from Canada.

Embryology and Quran

I've read more than one article about the way Quran described the development of the embryo and the Muslims claim that it resembles the modern discoveries in a way that make it impossible for any body else but god to be its author.

Unfortunately I don't think those articles were strong enough in revealing the truth probably because at least one of their writers doesn't speak Arabic so, despite that I don't think I read enough about the subject but I still think that I can make a positive contribution.

The Quran says in Arabic 23-13 and 14 "Thom khalaqna alnotfat alaqa, fakhalaqna alalaqat modegha, khalaqna almodghat azama, fakasawna alesazm lahma, thom anshanah khalqan akhr"

The way we could put it in English is "Hence we (god), created the sperm into (or made it turn into) clot (or whatever it is) then created from it a lump then we created out of it bones (plural) then we covered the bones with flesh"

Now, in addition to the fact that many thinkers for 1000's of years had theories and also some experience on the stages of embryo development, the above mentioned description is not more than what ordinary person could imagine, ...building the structure first then hang the other parts on it or cover it with them...just like erecting a tent.

Now the clear fact that comes in many documents, out of which I could put my hands only on one of them is that, that is not the truth.

The truth as in the following document (MS Encarta 1998)

The implanted embryo consists of a hollow sphere, the blastocyst, containing a mass of cells, called the embryonic mass, attached by a stalk to one side of the encircling membrane. In a blastocyst less than two weeks old and measuring 1 mm (0.04 in) in diameter, the microscope reveals the amnion (a sac surrounding the embryo), chorion (a membrane that develops around the amnion and lines the uterine wall), yolk sac, and distinct germ layers.

In the third week a closed tube appears in which the brain and spinal cord are to develop. Another tube, folding on itself, is developing into the heart, and at about this stage a portion of the minute yolk sac is enclosed in the body of the embryo to form a part of the embryonic alimentary canal. At the beginning of its fourth week the embryo, now about 4 to 5 mm (about 0.16 to 0.2 in) long, has the rudiments of eyes and ears, and each side of the neck shows four gill clefts. A tail is also present.

Early in the second month the buds of the arms and legs appear. The major internal organs begin to take shape, and in about the sixth week bones and muscles begin to form. By the third month the embryo is recognizable as that of a primate, and is now called a fetus. It has a definite face, with the mouth and nostrils distinct, and the external ears are forming. By the end of the eighth week the tail has usually been incorporated in the body, and in the 11th or 12th week the external genitals become evident. The human embryo is especially vulnerable to the damaging effects of X rays, of disease viruses such as measles, and of certain drugs during the fourth to the eighth week of gestation. These agents can result in the death of the embryo or in the birth of a child with deformed limbs or other abnormalities. By the fourth month an embryo is clearly recognizable as a human being.

The creation of the brain and the spine happens in parallel, (I think that the brain is neither flesh nor bones) and then long after the "BONES" of the arms starts developing which contradict the Quranic verses that tells us that all the bones are made first then it gets covered by flesh (only flesh as if we don't have members in our bodies!!!).

I think that the issue could be studied in more details but just wanted to clarify my view

QUOTE

Try, if you can, to look at Islam with an open mind. If you look at it with a closed one, you will deny everything completely and will be wasting your and our time.

This is a very vague statement. Show me one person who does not think he has open mind. Virtually all the people of the world think they have open minds and those who do not agree with them have close minds.

So far I heard 4 arguments to prove that the Quran is from God and all of them can be debunked. This does not make the Quran a false book, it only shows that these four examples are not proof. There could be other examples that could be undefeatable. I want to hear about them.

You are telling me that martyrdom is good and killing people in good. So I must make sure your belief is airtight. I can’t just accept things because you say so. I need proof. All I am asking is one solid proof that is not subjective.

QUOTE

In the end, you coming to a forum to discuss this shows your lack of serious interest. If you really intended on learning about Islam, you would have went out an purchased books about it. But, instead, you went to the internet.

I already told you that I read a lot of arguments written by Muslims and non Muslims, in favor and against Islam. So far I see nothing proving to me that Islam is a true religion. However I am not a fool to make quick judgments and decide Islam is cult without investigating it more thoroughly. I read enough not I need someone answering my questions.

I do not expect you guys to be scholars of Islam. So I don't mind if you latch me up with a real scholar so I can ask my questions.

The subject of Islam is very much in the mind of the people and I decided to write a book based on my findings. I want to be objective. I do not want to rehash what the anti Islamists say. I want to come to the bottom of the problem and write a book based on facts and truth and not on conjectures. It is important that I talk with Muslims and understand their views too. I have done a lot of reading, now I want to ask direct questions and receive direct answers. If you do not like questions, just let me know and I will not post them here anymore.

The reason I chose this forum is because I think it is more honest than most other Islamic forums. In most Islamic forums I meet Muslims who try to distance themselves from the terrorists and claim they [terrorists] are not Muslims. In this forum I see more honesty. I see a lot of you guys want to become martyrs, kill people and go to paradise. In other forums can't debate. But here you praise the terrorists and call them martyrs. It is you that I want to hear. If there is any justification to all these murders, you know it better than those who are in denial.

So the very fact that I am here is proof that I want to be as open as possible. But it does not mean I am going to be as gullible as possible. You must prove to me that Islam is a true religion. If I am convinced of that I will reflect that in my book and let the world know. I will not be convinced simply by you telling me I should have open mind and believe whatever I am told without questioning it. This is the same argument that the Christians and others make but that is not a valid argument. I could say the same thing to you. I could say you don't have open mind and believe in absurdities. Is that a valid argument? Would you be swayed if I say such thing? So that argument is invalid. What I need is proof. Give me one example that no one can refute.|

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Acctually no, because teh argument you are using is along the lines of "the english translation", when the Quran can not be translated and not lose what makes it what it is, and the challenge itself is referring directly to the Arabic source, not an interpretation of the meaning written in french, english, german, or any other language, therefore it is unfair for you to say "the Quran is so boring and useless" and yet you come here without anything to back that opinion, nor knowing how Muslims come to that opinion which is clear and present fact in the first place. each verse of the Quran is eloquent, direct to the point, and if you would look to the Arabic instead of the english (see, this is hard to explain) the roots of the words go deeper into the context of each verse, which isnt something found in the english language so I am not expecting you to understand anything in regards to its beauty, so until say, you learned some arabic grammar, how can you expect to be in awe over anything and refute his comments? The truth is, you cant, and you are in a position where you are attempting to win over each point at all costs which is preventing you from seeing this. Its an arrogance.

QUOTE

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Was the Quran meant to entertain you at all, and can you name some of these errors? What tafseer were you reading along with the Quran? You cant coem here just to insult the book then insult us. Such comments as "well youre only in love with it because you believe in it", its a logical fallacy, because you have no idea of the background of the

people of this forum, and you dont know their upbringing. The mahority of people here grew up in households which were largely secular, and this is to the best of my knowledge. The site is run by a convert and the one who happens to be writing this is a convert, so implying we are simply brainwashed people who fell in love with it due to our upbirnging is both ignorant and insulting.

QUOTE

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What do you mean by boring exactly? How it sounds? i dont see the poitn you are atemptign to make here, at all.

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Seeign as how the Quran was revealed in arabic and has stayed in Arabic to prevent corruption, you point is completely moot to begin with. Mankind attemtps to make translation, teh Quran is purely word of God. this is like saying it is unfair that Jesus spoke Aramaic and that Moses spoke Hebrew- it makes no sense whatsoever, and its clear you arent seeing the bigger picture. Also, you say that God made it unfair to non Arabs- even though Arabs are a minority in the Muslim world and islam is the fastest growing religion in the west and east, which is very interesting in light of the comments you just made, because youre attempting to complain about something and nitpick into points which are mooted by *reality*. Whats interesting is that, i could cargue that we are being unfair to non french speakers or spainish speakers, because we arent saying this in spanish or french. Its liek sayign the US constitution, we can disregard the original copy which is held in the district of columbia, perhaps throw it away, and leave it open to be changed etc, or maybe the official language of Kenya should be changed to Hindi to suit the Indian minorities there. Is this logical? Of course not. And why are you being so unfair to soem of our visitors in france who can barely speak english? Why arent you typing in french?

QUOTE

We can’t see the beauty of the Quran because we do not speak Arabic and hence go to hell. Is this justice?

No, you go to hell because of kufr and shirk, and this is ibviously a point pulled from someone who knows little about Islam if you happen to think "hey, i cant see the beauty of the Quran". Maybe you shoudl make your arguments clearer to converts- like me, or the millions in North America and Europe and Asia and Africa and Oceana who accepted the religion, but I do hwoever like how you based your arguments on assuming all of us are arab. Obviously this comes from the vast amounts of research you have on the subject of Islam, even though studying Muslims for more than 10 minutes will elad you to the conclusion that Arabs are a minority in the Muslim world, *as well as on this very forum*, and that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, or that there are millions of converts.

QUOTE

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No, the argument is absurd, as all revelations were sent down in their own respective languages. As a non Muslim you have the opportunity to learn about Islam via DVDs, cassettes, books, articles, and this is very forum, and you have absolutely no right to complain, because the tafseer is out there, in english, giving you the meaning of the Quran. Your basing your argument on bieng someone who walks into a bookstore to get the book- and Islam was spreading and being accepted before this ever happened, so this indicates just how weak your argument happens to be.

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The verse is saying that to the person who will never be able to make a verse like that of the Quran, and you can not, fear God because this is a sign from God.

Again, you say you are well grounded in Islam but yet you do self interpretation of verses? In order to udnerstand the Quran you need to look at the events surrounding the revelation of each verse.

And you say you were looking at both sides?

QUOTE

We recall Saddam Hussein had “elections” where 99.98% of the population voted for him. Did all the Iraqis love him? Of course not! The elections were held open. The question was: Do you want Saddam? Yes or No? If you responded no then you could be killed. This Challenge of the Quran is very much similar to Saddam’s elections.

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However, there are some Arab-speaking non Muslims who say the Quran fails in grammar and aesthetic and they have produced a few Suras to meet this challenge which is in comparison better than the Suras of the Quran (not my opinion, but the opinion of Arab ex-Muslims). Please take a look and tell me why you think the Suras of the Quran are superior to these. http://suralikeit.com/

Bad grammatically? Foos-ha Arabic, the Arabic of the Quran, is the very foundation for what these people were taught in the first place, and they most likely speak MSA Arabic which is an inferior dialect *based* off of foos-ha, and what is more interesting is that not a single grammatical error is to be found in the Quran, and if there is, I would love for you to point the out- but you havent. you instead sent me to a website which has a few small surahs which read like everyday Arabic poetry rather than the Quran, and its just laughable. I bet you thought that was going to be a big point as well, to refute the Muslims here. Ive yet to see you actually birng up valid points here, even from this vast amount of information you have typed (which I wont be addressing).

hint: being a non Arabic speaker on an Islamic forum,I suggest you dont try to say the Quran is inferior to what you just posted. Even when I am reading it in English I can tell the difference, and its funny because i can look at it and see that a lot of work was put into it.

Also it is very clear and obvious that you have not looked at the "other side", and from your toen that you did not come here to be objective but instead to try and "prove" islam as being false, with incredibly broad topics and points which have a very small amount of thought behind them.

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Post #19|
|seeker of knowledge

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|QUOTE

Give me one example that no one can refute.

Refutation of Secularism? Darwinism? Atheism? Buddhism? Christianity? Again, you need to be more specific, because you see the nature of God as being something completely alien to the Islamic belief, and you show enmity to any belief posted here, so I would like to know if there is any system which you want *us* to refute, because remember also you have come here as a guest. The atheists think their belief is true and irrefutable, and yet produce no evidences to show their position, nor can they.

So basically I am asking you is what your belief is in an attempt to refute it. This is more logical, as no ones belief system is entirely objective, and inherently if you hodl a view you are intolerant of other views (otherwise you run into a logical fallacy).

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just human	Today, 07:31 AM

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so implying we are simply brainwashed people

I already explained this. My job is to ask questions based on assumptions that may be totally fictitious. Your job is to demonstrate that all my assumptions are false. I also made the example of a cop investigating someone accused of a crime. It is the cop's responsibility to ask all sorts of questions. It does not mean he is condemning the accused. But he has to ask those questions to find out the truth. If the accused is innocent, he will have no problem responding, but if he is guilty then he will start fidgeting and losing his temper which is a giveaway.

QUOTE

What do you mean by boring exactly? How it sounds? i dont see the poitn you are atemptign to make here, at all.

What do you mean by "perfect" and "beautiful"? Your estimation of the Quran is just as subjective as mine. You find the Quran a superb book of guidance and literature whereas I fail to see such think and read it only out of academic curiosity but with quite an effort. I am not presenting the dullness of the Quran as a matter of fact. It could very well be the shortcoming of the translators. I enjoy reading Dante in Italian for example but not its translation in English. The point I am making is that the claims that the Quran is beautiful or boring are both subjective and hence they are not valid arguments to prove or disprove the truth of Islam.

You claim that the Quran in Arabic is divine. That is your opinion. I have heard from people who speak Arabic, especially from those who grew up as Muslims and left it that is not. If I have to believe either one of you I am failing my academic integrity. Therefore even though you may be right, since I can't verify it personally I reserve judgment. In other words the beauty of the Quran for me is no proof. I am not denying that this could be true. But since I can't verify such claim I simply disregard it, especially because it is not universally upheld but it is highly controversial. Quran claims that it is a clear book. If that claim holds water, I have to be persuaded of the divine origin of that book and then I may invest time learning Arabic to savor its beauty as you do. For now let us concentrate on claims that I can verify without needing to learn Arabic.

QUOTE

Seeign as how the Quran was revealed in arabic and has stayed in Arabic to prevent corruption, you point is completely moot to begin with. Mankind attemtps to make translation, teh Quran is purely word of God. this is like saying it is unfair that Jesus spoke Aramaic and that Moses spoke Hebrew

I am neither defending Judaism nor Christianity, however as much as I know neither the Jews nor the Christians claim that the translations of their holy books do not convey the real message. Muslims are the only people who claim the Quran cannot be translated. We all know in translations the flavor is lost. But the Quran claims to be a book of guidance and not of poetry. It pretends to be a prescription for living. I can't see why translating any book of guidance or recipe should be impossible.

QUOTE

Whats interesting is that, i could cargue that we are being unfair to non french speakers or spainish speakers, because we arent saying this in spanish or french.

You missed the point. Whatever we discuss here is insubstantial to French and the Spaniards. You and I are not gods. The Quran claims to be the word of God and failing to see its message is said to condemn one to eternal burning and gruesome tortures that will never end. It is fair to ask why God failed to reveal such an important message in a language that we all can understand, savor its beauty and at once embrace it.

QUOTE

No, you go to hell because of kufr and shirk,

But that is the point I made. The reason I am in shirk is because in all sincerity I see no proof to accept Islam as a true religion. When I tell this to Muslims they say it is because I don't speak Arabic to see the beauty of the Quran. So my point is very much valid. Although it is shirk that will send people like me to hell, the cause of shirk is something beyond my control. It has to do with the fact that Quran is written in a language alien to me and in a language that can't be translated properly. Now whose fault is that? Don't you see God has played favoritism in such an important matter? You compare the Quran

to the constitution of America being unfair to people of other languages residing in USA. But the comparison is not correct. The Constitution can be translated in any language and even if you fail to understand it, your rights as a citizen are protected and you'll not be punished. This is not the case with the Quran, which claims if anyone does not understand it or does not agree with it he must be killed or subdues and will go to hell to burn in a huge oven year after year, century after century, for billions, trillions, zillions of years and more. This does not make sense to me. Does it to you?

QUOTE

Arabs are a minority in the Muslim world, as well as on this very forum, and that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, or that there are millions of converts.

The fact that a lot of people find Islam attractive is not a proof per se. As Bertrand Russell said: "The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd; indeed in view of the silliness of the majority of mankind, a widespread belief is more likely to be foolish than sensible."

If Islam is true, its truth must shine independent of the fact that people believe in it or not. Up until 15th century the whole mankind used to think that the Earth is flat and the Sun and the stars revolve around it. Despite this, this view was wrong. Truth cannot be determined by the consensus of the majority.

This is called argumentum ad populum and it is a logical fallacy. A false idea does not become true as more people believe in it.

Furthermore, Islam is not the fastest growing religion. Falun Gong that started in 1992 and by 1998 had over 100 million new followers is the fastest growing religion. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falun_Gong

QUOTE

No, the argument is absurd, as all revelations were sent down in their own respective languages.

No other revelation claims that its books cannot be translated properly. We already discussed this.

QUOTE

As a non Muslim you have the opportunity to learn about Islam via DVDs, cassettes, books, articles, and this is very forum, and you have absolutely no right to complain, because the tafseer is out there, in english, giving you the meaning of the Quran.

I read a lot and now I need to discuss what I learned and present what to me seems incongruent. But this does not mean I will have to accept like a sheep whatever you say and only ask easy questions. I am going to ask questions that may be tough but they are nonetheless valid questions. It is not arrogance to speak out your mind, present your objections and wait to see what kind of response you get. Is it possible that my impression of Islam is entirely wrong? Of course it is. If I were sure that I had find the truth I would not need to present my views and let them be challenged. I would have gone ahead and written my book without caring what the other side may have to say.

I want to write a book that challenges the mind not just a rehash of what is already in the market. To create something challenging you must be truthful, first to yourself and then to your readers. You can't be truthful if you have not even heard the whole story. The whole story means listening to both sides and defying their views.

QUOTE

In order to udnerstand the Quran you need to look at the events surrounding the revelation of each verse.

On this point I fully agree. We will discuss the sha'ne Nozzol of the verses if there is any disagreement on their meaning.

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Fear is fear. Threat is threat. But tell me is anyone allowed to accept the challenge of the Quran in an Islamic country? Won't he be killed as soon as he says, "Hey I have written something as good and the Quran"?

QUOTE

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Well since this is beyond my expertise, I leave this point uncontested. However just to make you see that it is a controversial view I let you see this link.

http://debate.domini.org/newton/grammar.html

QUOTE

you instead sent me to a website which has a few small surahs which read like everyday Arabic poetry rather than the Quran, and its just laughable. I bet you thought that was going to be a big point as well, to refute the Muslims here.

No, those fake suras do not refute the Quran but they only prove that the verses of the Quran can be imitated and people can produce similar verses.

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Actually I did not come here to prove to you that Islam is false. I came here to test the strength of the arguments that Muslims present in defense of their faith. If this were a soccer game, I want to play goalie. You throw the balls at me and I try to repel them. I want to gauge your strength not your weakness. If you want me to attack Islam, that would be for another time and another place. But this is not the reason I am here. I want you to throw all your balls at me so I can see what really Muslims have and why they are so convinced of their faith. What is it that makes them so disrespectful of life including the lives of children? Why they rejoice when other people die? As we established above and several posters said it, it is because this is what Islam is all about and since Islam is the true religion then all the killings and murders of innocent people is justifiable.

Well I have to say that I buy this logic. It sounds logical. If Islam is truly a religion of God and if it is really God who wants Muslims to massacre innocent people including hundreds of children, who am I to argue? God wants his good followers to become terrorists and instill terror in the heart of those who do not believe in him. He wants his good believers to murder innocent people and rejoice seeing their pain and suffering. If this is what God wants, who am I to argue? The question is, does really God want such thing? Was really Muhammad a messenger of God? What if he was not? Then imagine all this bloodshed is for nothing. Imagine going to the other world after committing a mass suicide killing hundreds or thousands of people and then finding out that God had never told you to do such thing, that Muhammad was not a prophet of God that he was a liar! This would be disastrous. Wouldn't it? So this probing is important. It is important for me and I hope also for you. We have to come to the bottom of it. May be I am missing something. May be you guys are right and I should also convert to Islam and start killing the small children in the kindergarten cross the road where I live. One of us is completely misguided. May be it is me. So I want you to prove it to me that Muhammad was indeed a messenger of God and not a liar.|